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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the
4 City of Highland on the occasion of the city's 175th
5 anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of Highland was founded by Swiss
7 immigrants in 1831, but was originally named Helvetia (New
8 Switzerland); it was in 1836, when Joseph Semple, a member of
9 the Illinois House of Representatives from Alton, pushed to
10 change the name to Highland because the area reminded him of
11 where he grew up in Scotland; this push led to the formal
12 renaming of the town to Highland in 1837; and

13 WHEREAS, Louis A. Latzer was an early resident of Highland;
14 he perfected the process of condensing milk, which made it more
15 accessible to the masses; he is known as the "Father of Pet
16 Milk"; and

17 WHEREAS, The hard working people of Highland have also
18 achieved what many cities never do, effectively accommodating
19 several industries while still keeping their small town vibe;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The City of Highland also offers many other

1 excellent resources, such as exceptional healthcare
2 facilities, great educational opportunities, and a cost of
3 living 8% below the national average; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate the City of Highland on the occasion of their
7 175th anniversary; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the people of Highland as an expression of our
10 respect and esteem.